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Winnie G. Cook

Chicago, May 21, 1940

Dear Martha and Blanche:

At first, I thought I simply could not do anything with Ramshaw at just this time- and I should not have. Then decided to get it off my mind while partly fresh in my thoughts.

And right here, Martha, let me say, for no one but you, would I have tackled this for one cent under a hundred dollars; and I would have begrudged the time at that, for they really do not add anything to general historical knowledge- not to mine, but are a drain upon my time. I mention this so you may tell Mrs. Collier what she owes to you.

*Claims of this kind*

I am sending copies of my deductions to you two for your sharpest criticism. I am open to conviction, if this summary does not seem sound to you. As always, I carry the picture of conditions and their customs in mind, in dealing with any genealogical or historical problem- instead of merely accepting records at face value. It is this crime against historical verity- taking records at face value, that has led to so much subversion by writers. I made Tyler retract his calling Christopher Branch a servant of Osborne- just because Tyler never took the trouble to study that Muster. He made the correction in print, but did not explain why he made the original blunder.

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Samuel Ranshaw. Katherine Staynes, widow of Thomas Staynes, Power of Attorney to son Samuel Ranshaw. 1659.  
Old Rep., Bk., 1656-64, p. 100

(Saml. Mackintosh) p. 84

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Warwick Papers, p. 88. Original in William and Mary Library, photostats in Archives, Richmond, Va.

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Sammell Ranshaw in 1688 patented 132 acres on the Oaken Swamp Parish of Denbeigh, adjoining Capt. Mathews and John Lewis. Land Book 7, p. 678

4. Sarah Ranshaw Born 1682, married 1702, Enos Mackintosh.

At the request of Sarah McIntosh, widow, ordered Miles Cary, Ralph Gough, John Wheeler (?) and Sammel Bland settle estate of Enos Mackintosh. 1729.  
Warwick Papers, p. 91

Feb. 5, 1756, Sarah, widow of Enos Mackintosh, sues Sammel Young and Martha his wife for her thirds of the said Enos' estate. Warwick Order Book, 1749-62, p. 381.

~~Martha was the wife of Robert Mackintosh, who was from this estate the executor of his father, Enos Mackintosh's estate.~~

Aug. 5, 1756. Ind. bet. Thurman Hoggard of Princess Anne Co. Ship carpenter and Susanna his wife deed to Richard Mackintosh being bereaved of partition to certain lands in this County, between Thurman Hoggard and Samuel Young and Martha his wife and Richard Mackintosh.  
Warwick Order Book 1749-62, p. 432

Thus we see that Enos and Sarah Mackintosh had the following children : Sammel, Robert, Richard.

5. Robert Mackintosh, married Martha ~~McIntosh~~ <sup>McIntosh</sup> of ?

March 7, 1750/1. A marriage contract between Sammel Young and ~~Mackintosh~~ Martha McIntosh and the children of the said Martha and Robert Mackintosh and a schedule thereon endorsed, was acknowledged by the Sammel Young and Robert Mackintosh, two of the parties thereto and proved as to Martha by the oaths of Daniel Dunn and John ----, two of the witnesses thereto.  
Warwick Order Bk., 1749-62, p. 125.

William Langston is appointed guardian to Robert McIntosh, orphan of Robert McIntosh decd., His security, John Drewry and Sammel Puryear. Feb. 1, 1759, p. 579.

Ibid.

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Nov. 8, 1758. Thomas Mallicote and wife Sarah vs. Samuel Puryear in chancery. Warwick Order Bk, 1749-62, p. 562.

June 7, 1759. Samuel Puryear to pay Thomas and Sarah Mallicote, 12L-5-10 and costs in the chancery suit. p. 591

March 4, 1762, Mary McIntosh, orphan of Robert McIntosh, chose Thomas Mallicote her guardian, Moory Mallicote his security. p. 679.

Richard McIntosh was appointed guardian of Margaret, orphan of Robert McIntosh. p. 679.

~~Married to Sarah Mackintosh, the Thomas Mallicote in 1781.~~

6. Sarah Mackintosh. Above suits and items prove that she married Thomas Mallicote. The Warwick Tax lists prove that Thomas Mallicote died in 1814. *a fact as shown below.*

~~He died in 1814. This also was the "Sarah Mackintosh Mallicote" who married John Mackintosh in 1814.~~  
Warwick Tax List, 1782 - 1814. Thomas Mallicote 314 A.  
1815. John Mallicote of Surry, 140 A., from Thomas Mallicote by will.

The orphans of George Mallicote, 140 A., from Thomas Mallicote by will.

Robert M. Mallicote, 60 A. from Thomas Mallicote by will.

7. John Mallicote. John Mallicote married Mary Davis Gray, the daughter of James Gray of Surry.

John Mallicote married Mary Gray. Dec. 20, 1787.

Marriage Register, p. 22

Consent of James Gray.

Will of John Mallicote: to wife personality, provided she does not claim dower in my Warwick County lands, various children named and my other married children.

Nov. 17, 1824. R. Feb. 28, 1825.

Surry Bk. 1822-27, p. 315.

Page 531, Mary D. Mallicote received her share of her husband's estate.

Surry Bk. 1832-34, p. 620-23. Settlement of estate of John Mallicote and Mary D. Mallicote. Legatees: Robert Rowell

for his wife; 2. Robert M. Mallicote 3. James Mallicote

4. William Mallicote. 5. Edmund Lewelling for his wife.

6. John Mallicote. 7. Sasan Mallicote. 8 John P. Mitchell

son of Mary Mallicote Mitchell. 9 Sally M. Lewelling.

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Sarah Mallicote wife of Thomas; I have seen Sarah Mackintosh  
dau. of Robert



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⑩ Heirs of Thomas Mallicote. March 1834.  
John Mallicote admtr. of Mary D. Mallicote.

Will of James Gray: to daughter Mary Davis Gray.  
~~Jan 23~~ Feb. 9, 1788 R. June 25, 1788  
Valentine Papers, p. 555

8. Sally McIntosh Mallicote. She married James Lewelling,  
died 1828. Sally M. Mallicote born ca. 1790, died bet. 1840-50.  
(This was likely a second marriage for both parties, for James  
was born by 1765 and had a son Edmund, b. 1798, who married a sister of  
Sally's. Sally M. Mallicote Lewelling married in 1811, John  
Lewelling, who was probably a brother of her second husband  
James Lewelling.

*Compare this last with 4th  
of Mrs. Hedges's  
of your data just sent & which I do not  
understand*

9. Thomas Lewelling, born ca. 1825, died May 16, 1855 aged  
29 years. Married ca. 1846 Frances Wood. B. 1822, d. June 10,  
1885. had:

10. Sarah Elizabeth Lewelling, born May 5, 1847, d. 9-21-1908  
married 1865, John Braxton Lake, b. 11-26-141, d. 2-1-1915

11. Louise Lake, born in Hampton, married Francis Collier.

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